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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SENV, ENRG, CA, PGOV

SUBJECT: GOC ORGANIZATION FOR PIPELINE DECISION

1. GOC OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WITH APPOINTMENT OF BASIL ROBINSON AS COORDINATOR FOR PIPELINE POLICY GOC IS ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO ENCOURAGE EFFICIENT DECISION-MAKING.

2. TWO PRIMARY COMMITTEES WILL BE FUNCTIONING: THE FIRST WILL BE A COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS MEETING ON AN AD HOC BASIS, AND SECOND WILL BE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THEIR DEPUTY MINISTERS MEETING MORE REGULARLY TO REVIEW PROGRESS. MINISTERS INVOLVED ARE: ALLAN MACEACHEN (PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL); WARREN ALLMAND (INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS); ALASTAIR GILLESPIE (ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES); JEAN CHRETIEN (INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE); ROMEO LE BLANC (FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT); DONALD JAMIESON (EXTAFF); DONALD MACDONALD (FINANCE) AND JACK HORNER (MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, REPRESENTING ALBERTA INTERESTS). BOTH COMMITTEES HAVE MET ONCE SO FAR AND ONCE TOGETHER.

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3. MACEACHEN WILL CHAIR IN FIRST PHASE. PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER SUBSEQUENTLY, PERHAPS IN JUNE, PROBABLY WHEN NEB REPORT IS PRESENTED IN EARLY JULY. ROBINSON WILL SERVE AS SECRETARY TO THE CABINET GROUP AND COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE SUB-CABINET COMMITTEE.

4. NO FIXED SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR EITHER

COMMITTEE, BUT FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE TO FOCUS ON VOLUME I OF BERGER REPORT WHICH DEALS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF PROPOSED MACKENZIE PIPELINE. VOLUME II, WHICH PRESENTS BERGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD GOC DECIDE TO BUILD MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE, IS TO BE RELEASED END OF JULY. IN INTERVENING PERIOD COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE PREPARING FOR ITS RELEASE. 5. ADDITIONALLY, ROBINSON WILL FACTOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION INTO THE GOC DECISION PROCESS: NEB REPORT, DUE END OF JUNE; THE LYSYK INQUIRY REPORT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ALCAN LINE, DUE AUGUST 1; THE PRELIMINARY STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ALCAN PROJECT, AND, PRESUMABLY, GOC'S LONG-AWAITED POLICY STATEMENT ON NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, EXPECTED IN JULY. ENDERS

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